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October 11, 2018

The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin Chair and Presiding Officer and Members Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street, Room 202 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Draft Resolution for Oahu Important Agricultural Land Mapping Project

Attached is a draft resolution for the subject project for your consideration. The draft resolution was inadvertently excluded from our previous transmittal letter dated August 31, 2018.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 768-8000.

Very truly yours,

Kathy K. Sokugaw

**Acting Director** 

Attachment w/CD

APPROVED:

Roy K. Amemiya,

Managing Director



No	

# RESOLUTION

### RELATING TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

WHEREAS, Section 205-41 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) states in part that the people of Hawaii have a substantial interest in the health and sustainability of agriculture as an industry and that there is a compelling interest in conserving agricultural land and assuring the long-term availability of agricultural lands for agricultural use; and,

WHEREAS, Section 205-41, HRS, also states in part that conserving agricultural land is for the purpose of promoting diversified agriculture, increasing agricultural self-sufficiency, and assuring the availability of agriculturally suitable lands, pursuant to Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Section 205-42, HRS, states in part that important agricultural lands (IAL) are those lands that are capable of producing sustained high agricultural yields when treated and managed according to accepted farming methods and technology, contribute to the State's economic base, and produce agricultural commodities for export or local consumption, or are needed to promote the expansion of agricultural activities and income for the future, even if currently not in production; and,

WHEREAS, Section 205-47, HRS, requires the City and County of Honolulu to identify and map potential lands to be considered for designation as important agricultural lands (IAL) within its jurisdiction based on the standards and criteria in Section 205-44, HRS; and,

WHEREAS, the maps were produced with guidance from a technical advisory committee consisting of representatives of major stakeholders and many public meetings as well as an interactive and informing website; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Permitting has prepared a report attached hereto as Exhibit A, entitled "Oahu Important Agricultural Land Mapping Project", which contains maps identifying IAL recommended for adoption by the City Council, and documentation of the identification process, pursuant to Section 205-47, HRS; and,

WHEREAS, Section 205-47, HRS, further states, in part, that the IAL maps shall be submitted to the county council for decision-making and that the county council shall adopt the maps, with or without changes, by resolution. The adopted maps shall be transmitted to the State Land Use Commission for further action pursuant to Section 205-48, HRS; now, therefore,



# RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that pursuant to Section 205-48, the Council recommends that the IAL as identified in the "Oahu Important Agricultural Land Mapping Project", attached hereto as Exhibit A, are lands eligible to be designated IAL; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be to transmitted to the Department of Planning and Permitting, Fasi Municipal Building, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 650 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813 and the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission, P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804-2359

F.O. Box 2559, Horiolala, Hawaii 8	INTRODUCED BY:	(br)
DATE OF INTRODUCTION:		
Honolulu, Hawaii	Councilmembers	

# EXHIBIT A OAHU IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LAND MAPPING PROJECT August 2018

(Optional attachment should there be changes to the IAL map)

# **EXHIBIT B**

**EXCEPTIONS TO IAL MAPS OF EXHIBIT A**